PUBLIC NOTICE

C & P Water Companies, 20109 IWIP Road, P.O. Box 404, Smithfield, Virginia 23431 has applied for a ground water withdrawal permit, pursuant to Section 62.1-266 of the Ground Water Management Act of 1992 and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Ground Water Withdrawal Regulation (9 VAC 25-610-10 et seq), to withdraw an annual average of 34,247 gallons per day of ground water at Brewer's Creek subdivision which is off of Cedar Grove Road (Route 661) and Carrollton Boulevard (Route 17) in Isle of Wight County, VA. The nature of the applicants withdrawal may result in monthly withdrawals of up to 1,500,000 gallons on a seasonal basis. The DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue a permit.

The ground water withdrawal will support the following beneficial use: to provide a public water supply for the Brewer's Creek subdivision. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Upper Potomac Aquifer approximately located between 410 feet and 610 feet below land surface.

Any persons wishing to submit comments relative to this permit application must submit comments, filings, protests, requests for a public hearing, or any other correspondence to the following address: Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Hank Ghittino, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 or by email to hlghittino@deq.state.va.us. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete and concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received prior to the end of the 30-day comment period will be considered during the Board=s final decision on the permit. The 30-day comment period will end at 4 p.m. on March 26, 2004. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality will consider all written comments and requests for an informal hearing. Determination on the necessity of an informal hearing will be made in accordance with 9 VAC 25-230-50 of the Procedural Rule No. 1 (9 VAC 25-230-10 et seq). The Director may dispense with an informal hearing and grant the permit or transmit the application or request to the Board for its decision.

Further information or a copy of the draft permit may be obtained by contacting Hank Ghittino at (757) 518-2197.